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Ambassador Butenis Thanks Chevron Corporation for Donating Ambulance to Smiling Sun Clinic

Sylhet: May 30, 2006: U.S. Ambassador Patricia A. Butenis today attended a ceremony marking Chevron Corporation's donation of a new ambulance to the Smiling Sun Clinic established with Chevron's financial support in May 2005 near the Bibiyana Natural Gas Field at Habiganj. The ceremony took place at the headquarters of the Sylhet Samaj Kallyan Sangstha (SSKS) a USAID-funded NGO based in Sylhet.

SSKS, responsible for the overall administration of the clinic, is one of the 33 NGOs which receive USAID assistance through the NGO Service Delivery Program. The SSKS headquarters clinic in the city of Sylhet provides comprehensive care including safe delivery service, emergency obstetrical care, and c-sections. The Ambassador toured the clinic along with SSKS General Secretary Mr. Belal Ahmed, and USAID Senior Health Advisor, Mr. Belayet Hossain.

In Bangladesh Chevron Corporation is a leader in corporate social responsibility initiatives. Last year, the Chevron Smiling Sun clinic started functioning in a rented house in Bibiyana. Early this year Chevron provided additional funds for the expansion of the clinic in a permanent location. Chevron's new donations will fund construction of a new clinic building, the hiring of another doctor for the clinic, and the purchase of a new ambulance, to be assigned to the clinic. The company has been active for several years in a wide variety of activities and programs focusing on education, health care and social welfare, and has invested more than U.S. \$1m in community development projects in Bangladesh, many carried out in cooperation with leading NGOs such as SSKS.

In her remarks at the ambulance donation ceremony, Ambassador Butenis praised Chevron's commendable compassion for local people wherever they do business, and



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noted that Chevron, a leading U.S. corporation, has decided to be a true partner in the social and economic development of Bangladesh. She noted that, working together, the development partners, the Government, and good corporate citizens like Chevron, have been able to achieve significant improvements in family health and quality of life. For example, child immunization campaigns are successfully improving child life expectancy, and the rate of growth of the population of Bangladesh has been halved since the mid-1970s. The Ambassador concluded her speech by exhorting other successful corporations to emulate Chevron: “I say to others doing business here, both internationally and domestically, look to the example set by Chevron and ask yourselves, “How can I help?” “What can I do to make a difference?”

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